The Lions' Pride

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The Mud Run was five miles of challenging and muddy fun! Awards are given to the top three males and top three females to finish in each age group.

Mud Run for Veteran Students

By Amber Fink
Contributing Writer

The Mud Endeavor V fundraiser took place in Brooksville on Oct. 4. People from all over the Tampa Bay area gathered to help fundraise for the Student Emergency Fund. This fund can provide up to $500 to a veteran to help further his/her education, according to Tedd Weiser, Interim Director of Veteran Student Services.

The Office of Veteran Student Services on campus established the Student Emergency Fund. This program provides financial assistance to those who are veterans and have faced difficult times while serving. Veteran Student Services receives all of their funds strictly from donations and fundraisers like The Mud Endeavor V.

The mud run is an obstacle course owned by Mud Endeavor. The participants were able to choose which obstacles they wanted to attend. They were able to choose between slides, walls and mud pits.

"Just think of an obstacle course that soldiers would have to run in boot camp, but with water and mud," said Tedd Weiser.

They had groups of people that relayed throughout this course.

Tedd Weiser felt that this would be great for those, especially veterans, who have a competitive edge. This course allowed people to compete and have fun in a controlled environment.

This is the first time this event has been held. For many years in the past, the Office of Veteran Student Services has tried to plan for a successful Mud Run. Now, their dedication and hard work has paid off.

People registered online for $45. If they wished to donate a proceeds of their registration money, they entered the code STLEOVETS on the registration form. The donated money went to the Emergency Fund. The Office of Veteran Student Services was very grateful for any participants and any donations.

"Any amount is a great success," said Tedd Weiser.

Tedd Weiser's goal for this event is to notify others that the University has an excellent veterans office that supports students in their education, especially financially through the Student Emergency Fund. They were humbled to have any amount of donations. According to the Veterans Military Education brochure, using the University's core values of community and responsible stewardship, "Any student who receives assistance is asked, but not required, to make a donation as he or she is able to."

Those who attended the Mud Run received a t-shirt and a medal or coin as a souvenir from the event. Participants gave to a great cause and in return were gifted with amazing memories and a small token to remember their time.

Tedd Weiser has many plans for this year in hope of constant support from students and others in the community. They plan for more events in the future.

Corrections:

The Lions' Pride Newspaper apologizes to Jonah for not crediting him for the "Transcending the Limits of Technology" article.

We also apologize for the "Downtown Dade City: The Coffee Mug Cafe." The cafe is currently closed down, but a new cafe known as Perks has just opened.

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No Good Deed Review

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Campus News

The University Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Photo courtesy of Doctor Van Olphen

By Ashley Reynolds
Managing Editor

On Oct. 8, over sixty students and staff members filled the SCC Boardrooms in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 every year, is meant to celebrate the culture and history of people of Spanish, South American, Central American, Mexican and Caribbean descent.

For the first half hour, guests socialized, tasted Mexican pastries and looked at the poster boards hung around the room. Many of the guests spoke in Spanish, while others spoke English. Regardless of language, the guests were able to talk, meander around the room and enjoy the friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

The poster boards each depicted a famous Hispanic person and described their life. Some of the most common people on the posters were Diego Rivera, Salvador Dalí, Frida Kahlo, George Lopez and Shakira. Zoe Saldana and Eva Mendez were popular choices. The poster boards were made by students in Ms. Karen Bryant's Giants of the Arts class, Dr. Van Olphen's Beginning Spanish class and Advanced Spanish Literature and Film class, and Dr. McTague's Immigration: Face of America history class.

Meanwhile, other students sampled sweets from a Mexican bakery in Sarasota. There was a variety of pan dulce (literally translated as "sweet bread"), including conchita blanca, pan de huevo and caramel empanadas.

Classical guitarist Daniel Girón was the highlight of the event. Girón, a musician and producer, is originally from Bogotá, Columbia. He started to teach himself guitar at age 16. The guests at the event all gathered around Girón as he played flamenco and classical guitar music. His music has strong Latin influences, something that clearly showed as he played. Samples of Girón's music can be found on his website, http://www.danielgiron.com/.

The event was sponsored by the Spanish Club and the Department of English, Fine Arts, and Humanities.

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Halloween

Local Haunts: Halloween Events on the Cheap

By Courtney Sullivan
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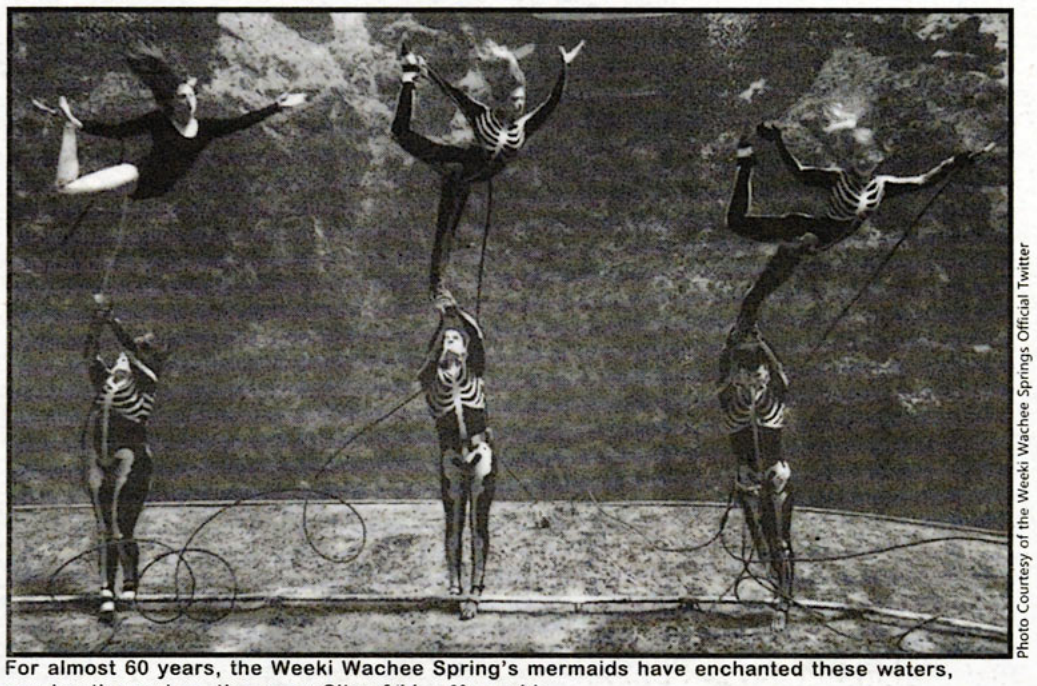
Many people know about Halloween events such as Busch Garden's Howl-O-Scream and Universal's Halloween Horror Nights, but not many know that there are less expensive local options to get your tricks and treats. Throughout the Pasco, Hernando and Hillsborough County area there are tons of Halloween events for all ages and price ranges. Not only are these events not as costly, but they also provide a chance to become better acquainted with and support our local communities.

In Pasco County, the Haunted Angelus House is currently hosting haunted events and a pumpkin patch until Nov. 1. This haunted house is on 25 acres of land and includes four different attractions. You can experience the fears and nightmares of a child in the Sleep Disorders Haunted House, or your can walk through Captain Plunder's world in Plunder's Revenge Pirate Haunt. If that is not enough fright for you, there is also a Hayride to Hell complete with Confederate zombie soldiers. There is even a child's haunt that is free for the little ones called The Three Little Pigs. It is open Fridays and Saturdays from 6:30 p.m. until midnight. On Sundays and Thursdays, it is open from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, they only offer the Sleep Disorders Haunted House, which is open from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Ticket prices vary depending on which events you want to experience, but range from $8 to $23. Tickets can be bought on their website, 36haunt.com, or purchased at the door.

In Hernando County, Weeki Wachee Springs is having their Wild n' Wicked Nights Oct. 17 – 18 and Oct. 24 – 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. They offer tons of spooky activities like their famous mermaid show, Tail of Darkness. The wildlife staff is also offering the Fairest of Them All Show. If that is not enough entertainment for you, there is yet another show called The Haunted Fairytale. Besides the shows there are two haunted houses, The Safe House and Goblin's Revenge. There is also a chilling trail through the park called Terror in the Woods. If you have little ones in tow, there is a kid's maze for those under the age of six, a costume contest for those four and under, and a screaming contest for ages four to 12. It is $6 for adults, $4 for kids ages six to 12, and free for those five and under. A petting zoo and carnival games will also be offered for an extra fee. Tickets can be bought at the main gate during normal business hours. For more information, visit their website, weekiwachee.com.



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For almost 60 years, the Weeki Wachee Spring's mermaids have enchanted these waters, earning the springs the name City of Live Mermaids.

In Hillsborough County, Lowry Park Zoo is holding its 16th ZooBoo event from now until Nov. 1. With six haunted houses, there is a fright for everyone. Each of these houses has a "skull" rating to indicate how scary it is, one skull being for all ages and seven being the scariest. Besides the haunted houses, there is a Spooky Fun Fair. Rides are free, while games cost extra. The dates for this event are Oct. 17-19, 23-26, 30-31 and Nov. 1. The hours are 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sundays and Thursdays. Ages 12 and up are $18, ages three to 11 are $14, and those three and under are free. If you have an annual pass it is $12.50 for ages 12 and up, and $10 for children ages three to 11. Tickets can be purchased online at lowryparkzoo.com/zooboo or at the gate.

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Lions Vote: Top

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Nothing could be a better way to spend the month of October than watching horror movies to count down the days until Halloween. In this poll, faculty and students were asked what their favorite horror movies are, whether they are so scary that they re-watch them to be frightened again or so terribly good that they keep coming back for more laughs.

Halloween (1978)
Directed by:
John Carpenter

One of the most iconic and terrifying horror movie "slashers" is the main killer in this movie. Michael Myers (Will Sandin), a man put in an insane asylum for murdering his older sister, breaks free from his sanitarium and returns back to his hometown of Haddonfield. On Halloween, he starts stalking high school student Laurie Strode (Jaime Lee Curtis) in a blue jumpsuit and white facemask. It's up to Laurie to stop this man who has begun stalking her and killing her friends, and save her own skin before he stabs her with his kitchen knife. Because this movie is a classic horror film, it isn't hard to see why this was ranked number one on our list.

The Conjuring (2013)
Directed by: James Wan

This recent film is about a family that moves into an old farmhouse in the town of Harrisville, RI. During their time living in the house, multiple paranormal occurrences lead to death and possession of some of the family. To save their lives, the family calls a couple of paranormal investigators to help them with these upset demonic spirits. Then the family and paranormal investigators must find a way to stop these spiritual beings before anyone else is killed. Though this movie is recent, it got many votes as it has scared many of students and faculty.

Insidious I and II
(2011, 2013)
Directed by: James Wan

Written by the same writer as "The Conjuring," the "Insidious" movies have also scared many people. Both films focus on the Lambert family whose son Dalton Lambert (Ty Simpkins) has inherited an ability to cross into a paranormal world called "The Further." However, during his first visit into this paranormal land, a demon had began to haunt the boy and kept him in acoma-like state, making his parents, Josh (Patrick Wilson) and Renai Lambert (Rose Byrne), worry. After realizing it wasn't a coma, they call for professional paranormal help and find that Josh has the same ability as his son and he has to go into "The Further" and save Dalton from the terror keeping him there. After saving Dalton, the Lamberts are then tormented by another demonic spirit that followed the father out of "The Further."

Psycho (1960)
Directed by:
Alfred Hitchcock

In this classic horror movie, Marion Cane (Janet Leigh), a Phoenix, AZ secretary, steals $40,000 so she and her boyfriend can get married. After skipping town, Marion stops at the Bates Hotel on a stormy night and meets the manager, Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins). After a conversation with him, Marion is killed in the famous shower curtain scene. An investigation is called to find who murdered her as all fingers point to Mr. Bates.

Saw Series (2004 - 2010)
Directed by: James Wan,
Darren Lynn Bousman,
David Hackl, and
Kevin Greutert

This movie franchise has given a new look at horror movie torture devices and how frightening they can be, providing a new facet to psychological and slasher horror movies. The main killer of these movies is John Kramer or as his puppet alias, Jigsaw. In these movies multiple people are taken off the streets by Kramer and put into deadly situations and torturous "tests" to see how far they will go to save their own life. This series of horror films has been known for being gross, gory, and not for the faint of heart as some characters have had to saw their feet off, cut open bodies to find items, cut into themselves, and more. Investigators in all movies have tried finding Kramer while he evades them waiting for his own demise by a frontal lobe tumor.

The Amityville Horror
(2005)
Directed by:
Andrew Douglas

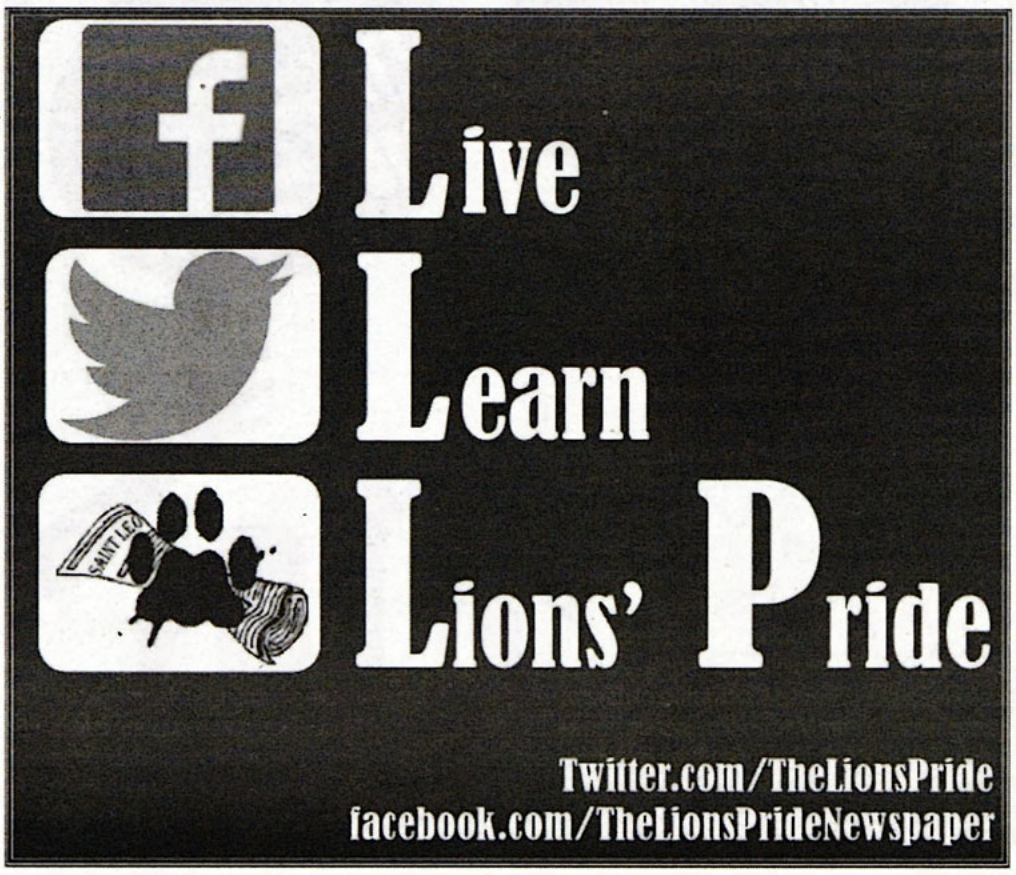
In this film, Ronald DeFeo Jr. (Brendan Donaldson) murders his family in their house in Amityville, NY and says that the voices he heard made him kill them. A year later, a married couple moves into the same home, George (Ryan Reynolds) and Kathy Lutz (Melissa George) with their three children. Once moved in the family starts to have paranormal experiences as George soon becomes abusive from spiritual possession. George then begins trying to kill his wife and children, forcing them to attempt to flee the house and the spirits who are keeping them there.

The Birds (1963)
Directed by:
Alfred Hitchcock

This horror flick is about Melanie Daniels (Tippi Hedren), a San Francisco socialite, who falls in love with Mitch Brenner (Rod Taylor), a pet shop owner who lives in Northern CA. As she goes to meet with him in his small town, various birds begin attacking citizens, getting more vicious as the film goes on. Eventually, the birds even begin to break the fourth wall by crashing into the movie screen, as if they are trying to attack the audience directly. With the increasing numbers of birds, Melanie and Mitch both have to find a way to survive without being attacked by these dangerous flying creatures.

Nosferatu the
Vampyre(1979)
Directed by:
Werner Herzog

This West German horror movie is a remake of the silent film "Nosferatu" from 1922 as well as Bram Stoker's novel "Dracula," though with a few changes to the story and locations. Even with these minor changes to the story the film is still worth watching and the atmosphere is just as chilling and dark as the (1931) version of "Dracula" directed by Tod Browning and Karl Freund



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and the 1922 version of "Nosferatu" directed by F.W. Murnau.

Alien (1979)
Directed by: Ridley Scott

When the commercial towing spaceship "Nostromo" receives a transmission on its way to Earth, the seven man crew stop to see where the transmissions came from. Once found, the alien spacecraft the transmissions came from is boarded by the "Nostromo" crew. After one of the members is attacked by a squid like creature, they all flee back to the ship. Later on , the crew watches in terror as the attacked member has an alien lifeform pop out of his chest cavity and escape the facility. As the alien runs amuck on the ship, it matures quickly into a deadly creature with two mouths, acidic saliva, sharp claws, and a sharp spear-like tail. Now the crew must survive on their ship and kill the alien before they get to Earth.

Jaws (1975)
Directed by:
Steven Spielberg

A movie that made millions afraid to go back into the beaches, "Jaws" is one of the most well-known shark horror films, if not one of the most popular. On Amity Island, Martin Brody (Roy Scheider), the chief of police, and the rest of the civilians begin to see multiple killings attributed to an abnormally large great white shark that begins to plague their area, making the water unsafe to swim in. Sheriff Brody, marine biologist Matt Hopper (Richard Dreyfuss), and professional shark hunter Quint (Robert Shaw) all take a boat out into the ocean to take care of Jaws once and for all.

The Evil Dead (1981)
Directed by: Sam Raimi

This classic gore fest is about five university students, Ash Williams (Bruce Campbell), Cheryl Williams (Ellen Sandweiss), Scotty (Hal Delrich), Shelly (Sarah York), and Linda (Betsy Baker), who go out to a cabin in the Tennessee Hills for their spring break. However, once they are there, Cheryll begins to have paranormal experiences. That same night, Ash and Scotty find the "Naturon Demonto," otherwise known as "The Book of the Dead," in the cabin's cellar. Found with a recorder that held incantations on it, the naïve guys play the incantations and release hell on the group as evil spirits and demons begin to torment them. Now Ash must try to save his friends and himself from these evil demons

Nightmare On Elm Street (1984)
Directed by: Wes Craven

1, 2, Freddy's coming for you. This famous horror film brought another one of the famous horror movie slashers to the big screen. High Schooler Tina Gray (Amanda Wyss) begins having horrific dreams of a boiler room and a man with a glove sporting knives at the tips of the fingers stalking and trying to attack her. Tina soon discovers that some of her other high school friends are experiencing the same ordeal and are even dying in their sleep. She finds that the man in her dreams, Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund), has started his revenge on the children whose parents burned him alive. To save herself and her friends, Tina tells them to stay awake as she tries to figure out how to stop the clawed killer before he takes any more of their lives.

The Ring (2002)
Directed by:
Gore Verbinski

"The Ring" starts with high school girls, Katie Embry (Amber Tamblyn) and Becca (Rachael Bella), having a sleepover when Katie tells Rebecca of a supposed cursed tape that when watched, the phone will ring and in seven days the viewer will die. She tells Rebecca she had watched it the past week, she goes upstairs and suddenly dies. In a domino effect, friends and family members begin watching copies of the tape wondering how it killed the girl as the watchers themselves die in the week after they watch the tape.

Final Destination Series (2000 – 2011)
Directed by: James Wong, David R. Ellis, Steven Quale

These movies don't use slash killers, creatures, or demons, but instead use death itself as an entity of horror. As most of the protagonists escape an accident that more than likely should have killed them, but it is only a matter of time before each one is killed off in a brutal and bizarre way. The usage of death has made viewers more aware that they can die at any moment of any day. In the later films the teens begin putting the pieces together on what is happening, even though it doesn't help them in the end.

Child's Play (1988)
Directed by: Tom Holland

When single mother Karen Barclay (Cathrine Hicks) gets a "good guy doll" from the streets that her son Andy (Alex Vincent) wants for his birthday, they both find that she got more than just a doll. The supposedly dead serial killer, Charles Lee Ray (Brad Dourif), has possessed the doll and now calls himself by his new alias, Chucky. As Chucky begins killing others who get close to finding out who he is or just happens to be around Andy, it is up to Karen and Andy to get the police to believe them before Chucky possesses Andy's body as well. Though the "Child's Play" series began as a horror franchise it soon switched to a more comedic aspect in the later movies.

Paranormal Activity (2007)
Directed by: Oren Peli

This movie features "found footage" to make the personal psyche of the viewer more disturbed and to make the audience believe that the events taking place are real as the movie shows the paranormal experiences of Micah (Micah Sloat) and Katie (Katie Featherston). The movie shows footage of a spirit haunting their house and manipulating items such as their bed sheets and on the planchette of an Ouija board. Since everything in the movie is shot using an amateur video camera, the paranormal attacks seem more realistic, especially during the night when Katie is possessed and stands watching Micah for hours without moving.

Anaconda (1997)
Directed by: Luis Llosa

In this creature flick, a National Geographic film crew takes a trip down to the Amazon jungle and gets stuck in a hostage situation with an insane hunter who has his eyes on the world's biggest snake. Though it is a cheesy film, it can be terrifying for those who have a fear of snakes. The anaconda has very good animatronics and can be intimidating from time to time, especially when looking at its scary slit pupil eyes.

Jennifer's Body (2009)
Directed by:
Karyn Kusama

In "Jennifer's Body," a demonically possessed high school cheerleader named Jennifer (Megan Fox) begins to kill all of the male students in the school. Now it is up to her friend Needy (Amanda Seyfried) to stop her before she kills her own boyfriend Chip (Johnny Simmons). This movie is crawling with scary scenes and some funny dialogue.

Silent Hill (2006)
Directed by:
Christophe Gans

The "Silent Hill" games are very atmospheric and dark, giving the player a horrific, but fun experience, and the movie doesn't disappoint as well. When Sharon (Jodelle Ferland) begins sleep walking, her mother Rose Da Silva (Radha Mitchell), decides to take her to the location she sees in her dreams: Silent Hill. When a terrible accident occurs on their way to Silent Hill, Rose awakes to Sharon missing and begins to wander into the dream town of Silent Hill. While looking for her daughter, Rose discovers the horror and mysteries behind this town's past.

The Purge (2013)
Directed by:
James DeMonaco

This movie has a very disturbing concept. On one day of the year, all criminal and murderous acts are allowed to take place without any consequences. During this "purge," one family must survive the night as people from around the neighborhood threaten them after they protect an injured man that the neighbors had begun hunting. Only time will tell if they will be able to survive the night.

Photo from Twitter@lionsgatehorror

Saw was created by James Wan and Leigh Whannell. A movie was added to the series each year from 2004 until 2010.

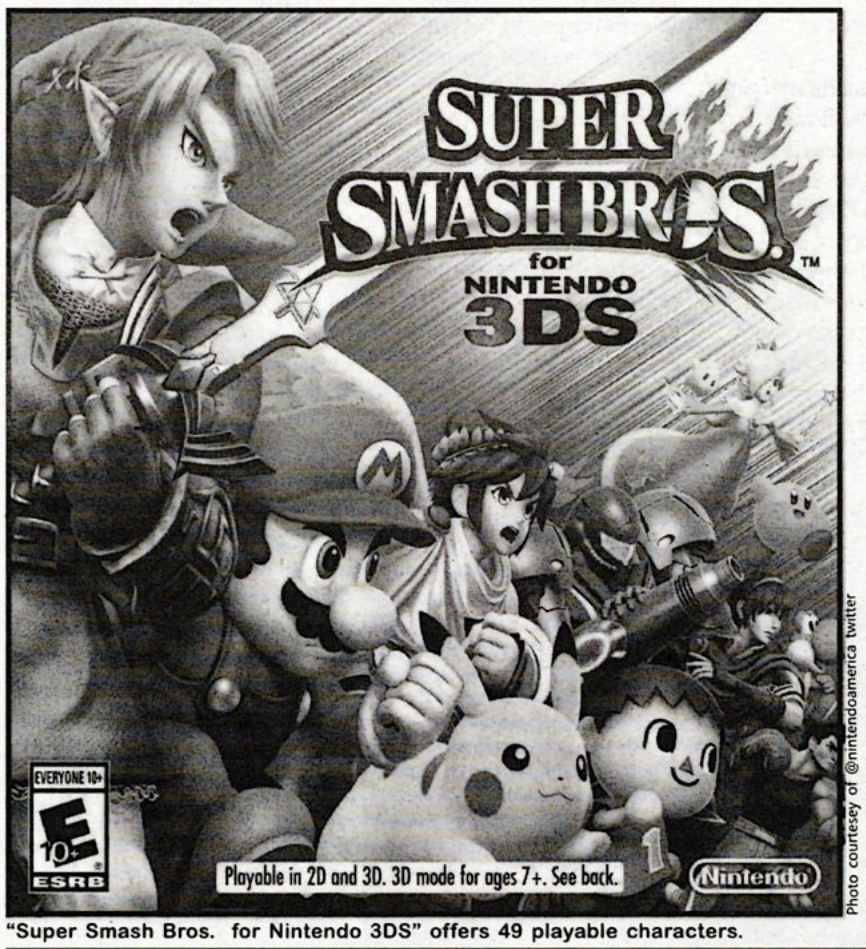
Arts & Entertainment

A Super Smashing Game for the 3DS

By Austin Chiavaroli
Staff Writer

The newest release of Nintendo's "Super Smash Bros." series for the Nintendo 3DS hit store shelves on Oct. 3, 2014. Many Nintendo and Smash Bros. fans have waited years for the next installment since "Super Smash Bros. Brawl," released for the Nintendo Wii in 2008.

"Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo 3DS" has a massive line up of playable characters, including some from earlier Smash games and some brand new characters such as Mega Man from the "Mega Man" series, Namco's Pac-Man, Animal Crossing's Villager, and Greninja from the new Pokémon X and Y games. Much like the previous Smash games, each character has his/her own set of specific moves and Final Smashes. The items in this game, much like the characters, are a mixture between old items used in previous Smash games and new ones focused around the new characters like the Spiny Shell, X-Bomb, and Beetle.



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"Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo 3DS" offers 49 playable characters.

The single player modes, including Classic Mode and All-Star Mode, involve the player going through and battling different characters in different scenarios. This can unlock some characters, but doesn't unlock them all. There are many ways to unlock characters and it is the player's job to find them.

The biggest change that makes this Smash stand out from the rest are the new Customization options, one of which includes using a players' personal avatars, known as Miis, as fighters. With a complex training and leveling system, every Mii Fighter is different with many players around the world making their own Miis and training them in many different ways. There are three types of fighter styles to choose from: Brawlers, Sword Fighters, and Gunners. Brawlers use a hand to hand fighting style against their opponents. Sword Fighters, as the name states, are Mii Fighters who use a sword in their fighting style. Gunners have a blaster, much like Mega Man's or Samus', on their right hand that blasts balls of energy at their opponents.

There is also a unique customization option where you can customize each character's and Mii Fighter's abilities. Collected through the games different modes, you can grab equipment such as headgear, outfits and powers to get new customizable moves for the created characters.

The character models for the Smash games in the past have normally all been one size, but in "Super Smash Bros. 3DS" the character models are perfectly scaled to be their specific size. The animations have also undergone reconstruction as new animations for each character have been made, giving the game a fresh new feeling.

There is also going to be another "Super Smash Bros." released around the holiday season for the Wii U called "Super Smash Bros. for Wii U." This edition of the same game will have higher resolution quality due to being on a larger screen, and it will have a better multiplayer experience for those who want to play with a friend without connecting to Wi-Fi. All in all, this game is a fun and time consuming fighting game for all ages. I give it a 4.5/5.

It's Not A Cute Raggedy Ann Doll

By Austin Chiavaroli
Contributing Writer

From the maker of the "Insidious" movies comes the prequel to "The Conjuring." "Annabelle," directed by James Wan, is the new movie that is sure to make viewers terrified of dolls.

The story begins the year before the events of "The Conjuring." When couple Mia (Annabelle Wallis) and John Gordon (Ward Horton) plan to have a baby, John buys Mia a doll she has been wanting for her collection. The doll is snatched by their parent-murdering neighbor, Annabelle Higgins (Keira Daniels), who then uses a Satanic cult ritual to seal her soul in Mia's doll. When the doll is found with after the murder, it is returned to the Gordon's. Mia, believing the doll had something to do with the murder, throws it away and has her baby.

When the Gordons move, they find the thrown out doll with the others, and the doll soon begins to cause paranormal plagues to Mia and the new baby. The family soon finds out it is the soul of Annabelle in the doll who wants to take the baby's soul to summon a demon as she originally planned to try with her parent's souls. Now it is up to Mia and John to save their baby and themselves from this Satanic cultist's new form that is lurking in their new home.

Having one of the main creepy things from the first movie was a smart move on James Wan's part, bringing the backstory of the doll into play. With the doll having a very creepy smile and being able to call upon borderline demonic paranormal entities, it makes for great thrills and scary moments through the duration of the film. The doll herself looks very demonic as, after being thrown away, she comes back looking more deranged, beaten up, and broken.

The only issues with this movie is that the scares could have been less based on jump scares and more on the psychic fear from the presence of the doll. Another issue is the predictability in the movie, with many scenes including cliché aspects like creaking floorboards and kitchen appliances being thrown, which are seen in multiple paranormal horror films. Predictability can make some viewers not get the same scares as others after seeing closely related scenes from other films repetitively, bringing the horror proportion of the film lower than others horror films.

With all that this movie gives to the viewer, it does not break the same formula that James Wan has been using in most of his past horror movies. Even the Chucky doll "Child's Play" franchise had better impressions than this film leaves the viewer. This film gets a 3.5/5 rating from this writer. Even though it has its flaws it still is a decent horror movie to see this October, but for a better killer possessed doll movie, check out the 1988 horror film, "Child's Play" featuring iconic horror slasher Charles Lee Ray, otherwise known as Chucky the Killer Doll.

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Arts & Entertainment

Last Minute Looks In Under 10 Minutes

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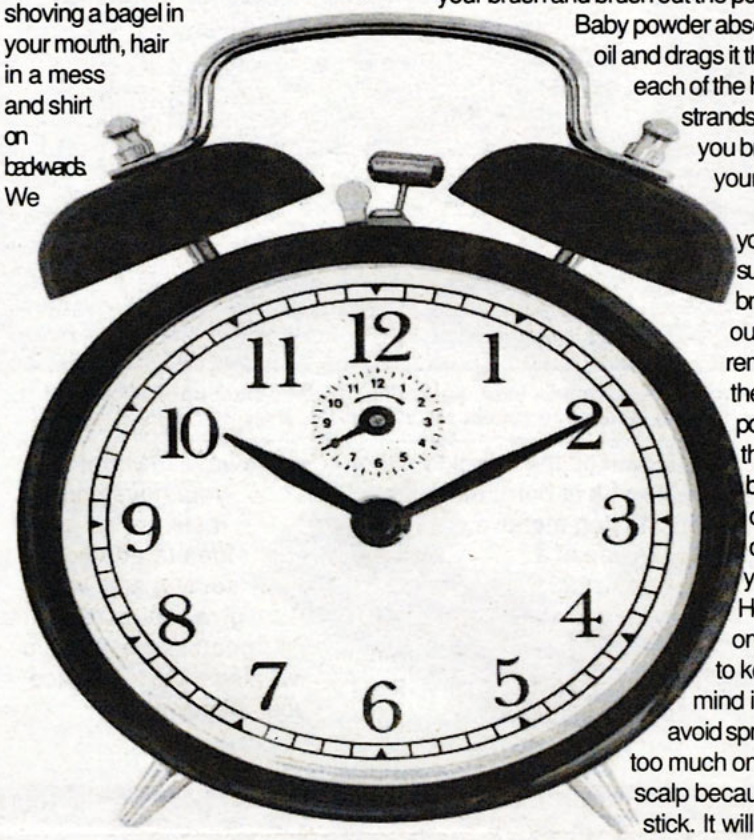
You've already pressed the snooze button on your alarm clock seven times, and you happen to glance at the clock in a daze, realizing you've overslept by 35 minutes. Normally, the rest of this scene would unfold with you shoving a bagel in your mouth, hair in a mess and shirt on bedwards. We have all been there, but there is no need to stress. You can still look clean, fresh and alive with a few tricks in under 10 minutes.



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Assume that you don't have time to take a shower, but your hair is greasy from the night before. Don't fret. Sprinkle a small amount of baby powder on your roots and then take your brush and brush out the powder. Baby powder absorbs the oil and drags it through each of the hair strands when you brush your hair. Once you've succeeded brushing out all the remains of the baby powder, the oil will be completely out of your hair. However, one thing to keep in mind is to avoid sprinkling too much on the scalp because it will stick. It will eventually come out the more you brush, but we only have 10 minutes right? In my experience, I find this works better than dry shampoo. Dry shampoo only masks the oily hair with a powdery substance. This is an issue because by mid-day your hair will appear oily.

Maybe your nails are dingy, and dull and you haven't had time to get a mani-pedi in a while. A quick fix is to take a white eyeliner pencil and color underneath your nails. This gives an illusion of a French manicure. Start by washing your hands thoroughly with hand soap, then take a toothbrush a scrub the ends of your nails to get out any excess dirt that may be hidden. Once your hands and nails are clean, fill in the inside of each nail with a basic white eyeliner pencil. This is great if you have a presentation or a special occasion that may have slipped your mind, and you need to look polished.

There are three cosmetic products that are essential to looking fresh and ready for the day. They each take less than 30 seconds to apply. Mascara is the number one must-have in my book. Add one coat quickly before you're on way out the door sprinting to class. You can easily reapply it throughout the day for those of you who are constantly on the go, and can fit it practically anywhere with its small, compact size. Mascara lengthens your eyelashes, making your eyes look brighter and bigger.

Another must-have is something most people don't even consider: iridescent, white or cream eye shadow or highlighter. Swipe the shadow onto your pinky finger and dab it on the tear duct of both eyes. The tear duct is the inner corner of your eyes closest to the bridge of your nose. This makes a huge impact even though it seems so simple, it brightens your eyes and creates the illusion that you are alert and alive, even if you have been up all night studying.

The last product I feel is necessary is a tinted lip stain balm. Lip stain balms are great because they are quick and easy to apply and last for a very long time. You only need to reapply on your lips after lunch or sooner if you have a habit of licking your lips a lot. However, there is a secret identity that these crayon-like stains possess. Your lip stain balm can double as a cheek stain, or blush. After using on your lips, wipe the tip with a tissue, then glide a small amount on the apples of your cheeks and blend with your fingertips. Now your lips and cheeks are synchronized in creating an overall lively, fresh appearance.

Now when you're running late, you can face the mirror with confidence. Don't let time be your enemy; show your alarm clock who's boss. These simple last minute tips will help you feel less like a disheveled mess in the morning and more like the gleaming individual that you are.

Male Fall Fashion Looks for This Season

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Dressing right can be difficult, especially when summer turns to fall. It's too warm for coats, but wearing shorts just doesn't feel right anymore. Fortunately, there are pieces that can help you to transition in a comfortable yet very cool way.

The right pieces can turn your fall look into a fashion statement. Some of the essential fall items that you will need to have in your closet include: a denim shirt or jacket, blazer, button-down oxford, plaid shirt, khaki pants and boat shoes.

Wearing a denim shirt is an easy way to transition from summer to fall because we are in sunny Florida and the weather hasn't drastically dropped yet. There is no reason for a coat at this time, but the right denim jacket acts as a great substitute. Denim shirts or jackets are perfect for layering over a cotton t-shirt because they aren't too heavy. They also go well with denim jeans. Gap and Levi are two of the most popular stores to find the perfect denim shirt or jacket.

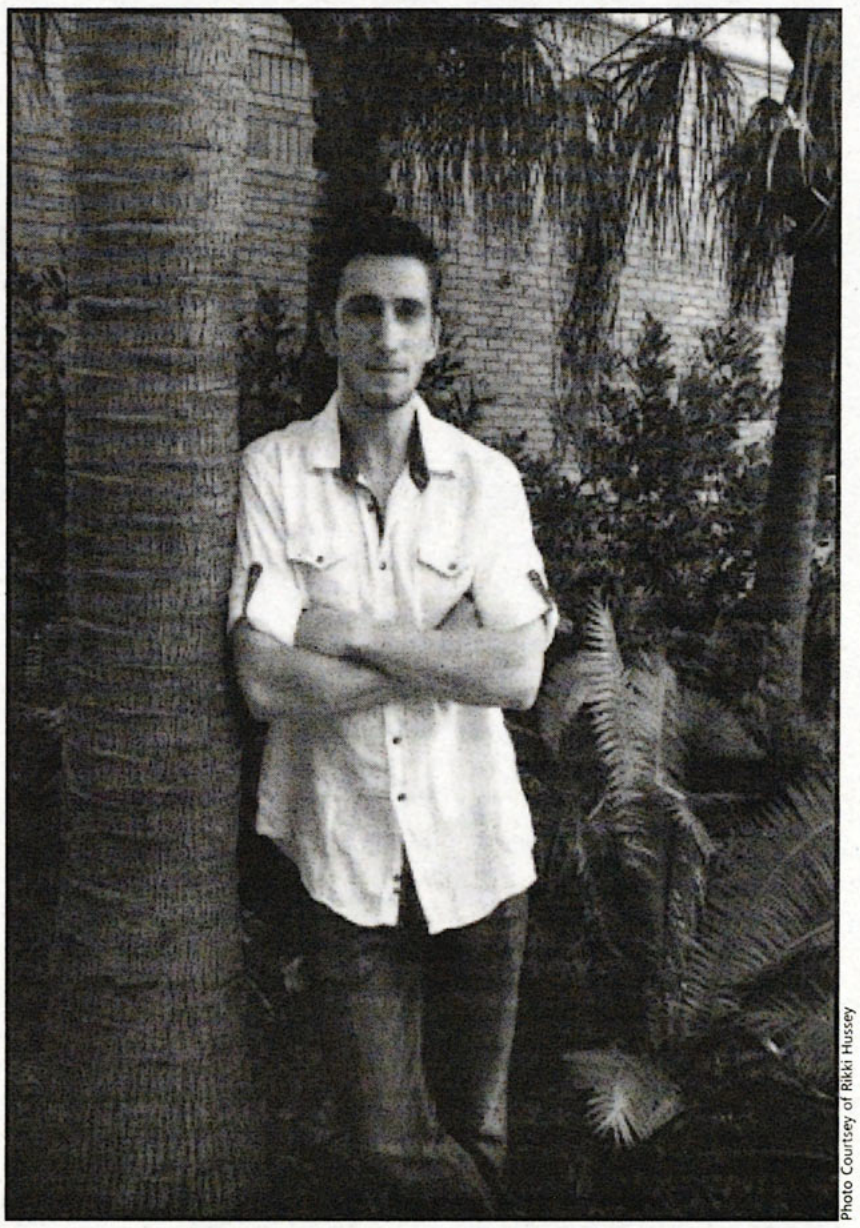
Blazers are the way to go this fall. They are both cool and sophisticated. Navy and light blue are two of the most popular colors for this fall. Adding details such as buttons, patterns or zippers to your blazer creates an urbane put-together look. Blazers are the perfect outer-wear because they give just enough warmth in the fall.

Button-down oxford shirts are a great investment. This shirt is for all seasons, which makes it perfect for the summer to fall transition. You can pair your button-down shirt with jeans, dress pants or even khaki pants. Having this piece will play in your favor because it can be worn in various settings including school, dinner or even a job interview (business casual). Button-down shirts look exceptionally great when layered under a blazer.

An easy way to integrate warmth to your outfit is by adding a plaid shirt to your apparel. This piece can be dressed down or up, depending on how you wear it. For a more professional look, it's best to button the shirt all the way up. For a more casual feel, leaving the buttons unbuttoned while pairing them with a cotton t-shirt will give it a playful look. Red, blue and green plaid shirts are the most sought after looks this fall. American Eagle, Hollister and Nordstrom are a few of the places that provide the best quality plaid shirts.

Khaki pants are a very essential piece to have; they can create either a dressy or casual look. They look great in the fall with earth tones, such as wine or olive green. Pairing these pants with suede shoes is a great way to complete your outfit because they add class and sophistication.

The transition from summer to fall makes boat shoes an essential. Boat shoes are perfect for fall, especially when paired with a chunky sock. These shoes are in demand this fall. Sperry is known for their boat shoes, which they carry in many colors, like black, brown and grey.



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A nice button down shirt is a good way to transition from summer to fall.

Science

Why Can't I Put Metal in the Microwave?

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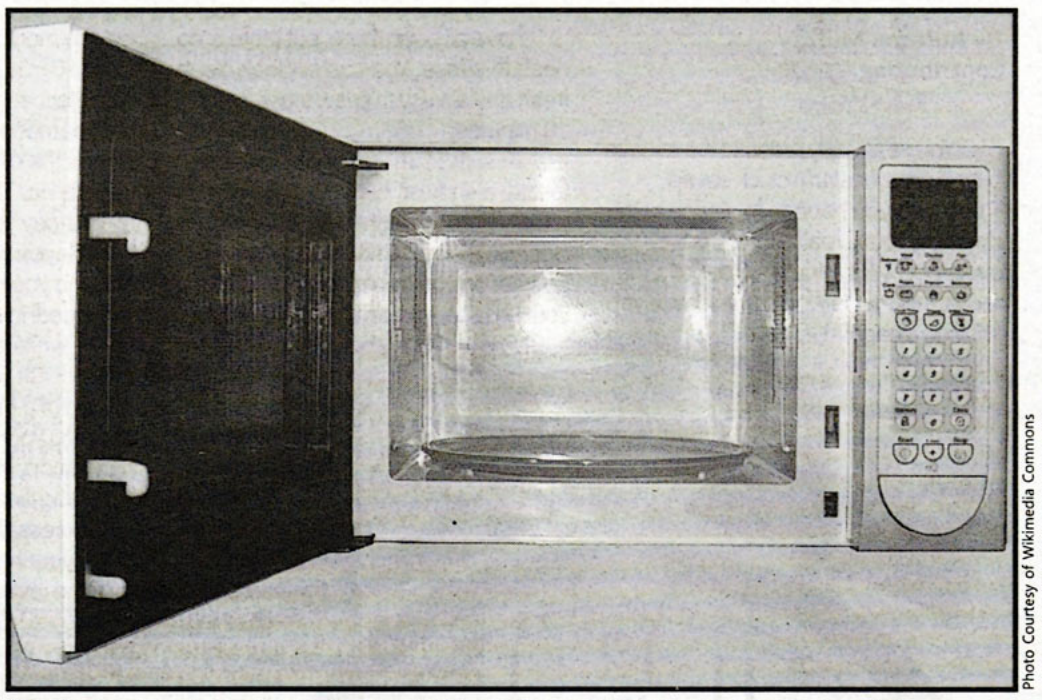
Have you ever put a metal object in the Microwave? If you have, then you probably experienced popping sounds and sparks as a result.

One might wonder why it only happens with metal objects. There is a scientific reason behind it. According to The School of Engineering at MIT, microwaves are a form of electromagnetic radiation that is generated by a device called magnetron. The job of these waves is to pulse back and forth rapidly inside an oven at a carefully calibrated frequency. These waves pass through plastic, paper and glass and are absorbed by the food. When the food absorbs the waves, the molecules oscillate back and forth, which then creates heat and cooks the food from the inside out.

These waves cannot pass through metal. When the radiation hits the metal, the metal bounces back the waves to the walls of the microwave. The waves jump around erratically, and can possibly damage the inside of the microwave.

Metal is actually so good at reflecting radiation that the window that's on the door of the microwave actually contains metallic mesh. The radiation that hits the window is bounced back, making it impossible for radiation to escape the microwave.

According to Physics.org, metals are a lot more solid than food. So instead of absorbing the electromagnetic waves, some metals either deflect the waves, or heat up really quickly. As the metals become extremely hot and in such quick time, it then causes the metal to either spark or burn. Although putting metal inside of a microwave may not set your house on fire, it still isn't a good idea to attempt to do so. Not only will it give you more than a good scare, but you will also have to replace your microwave.



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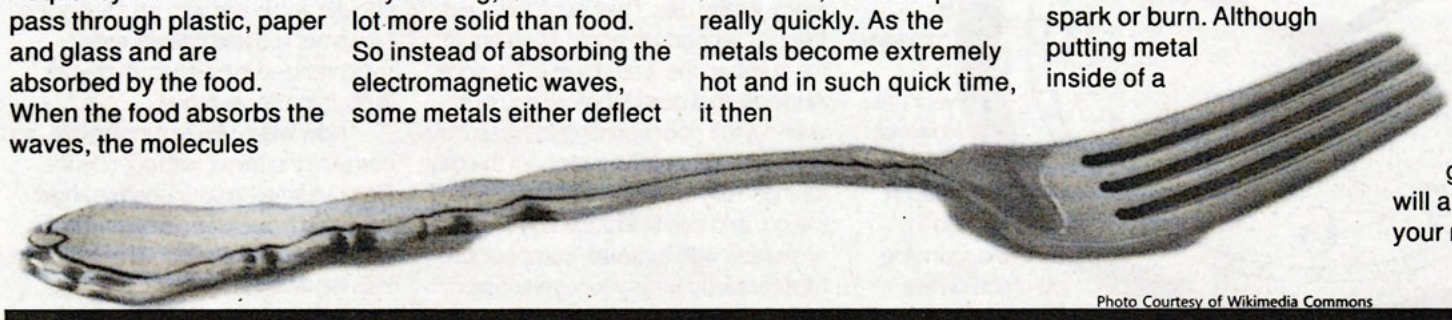
Microwave ovens use microwaves to vibrate food molecules, heating them up quickly. Microwaves cannot pass through metal, and reflect off of it to the walls of the microwave.



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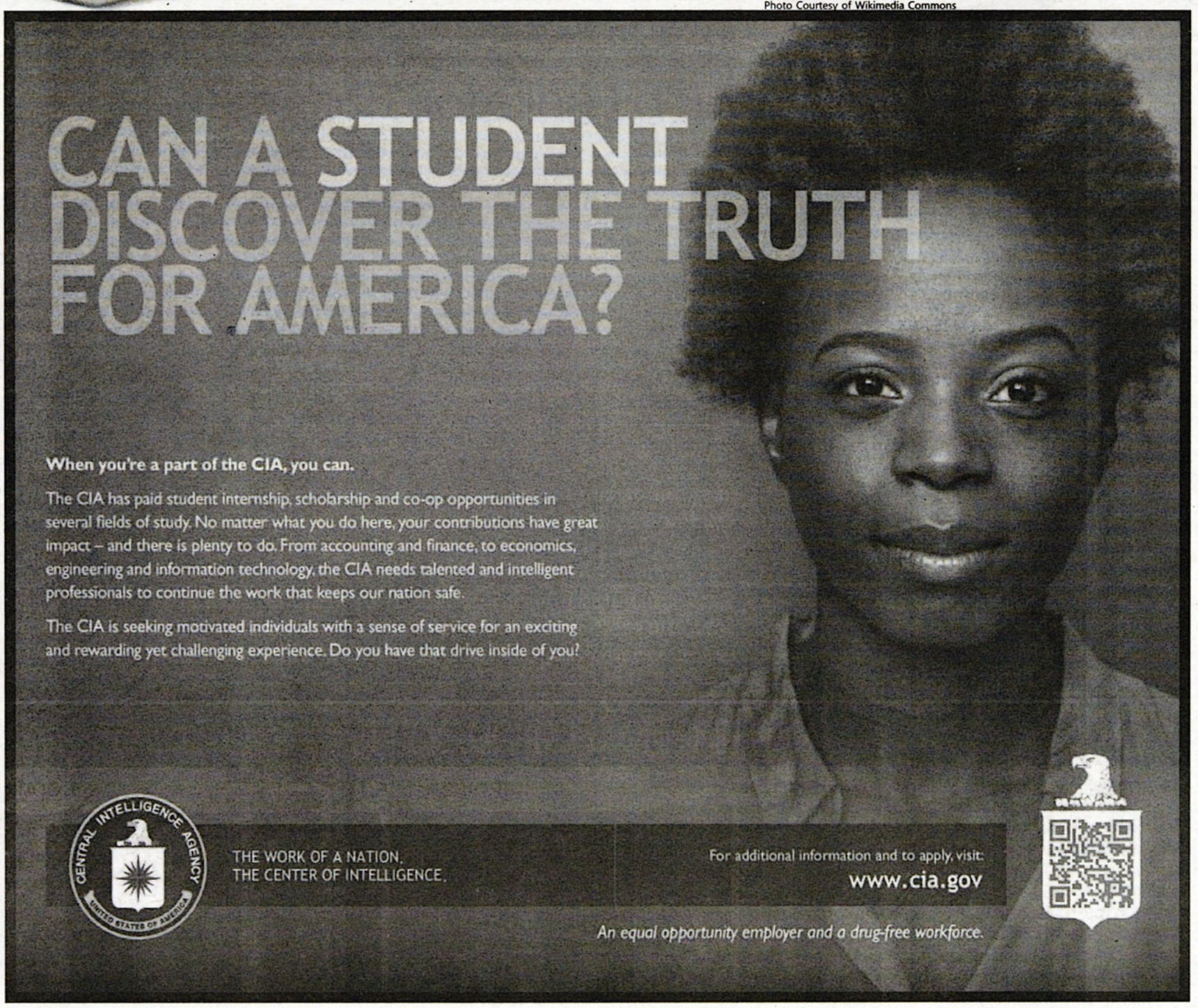
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